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The Lure of the Brook

If in the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love there are others whose fancies turn to more material things. Some men's fancies turn to golf, others take advantage of the ethereal mildness of springtime to wander in the peaceful places where one may think and dream and forget that existence demands a continuous struggle.

Have you ever, when the day was fair in spring, lingered beside an old mill and listened to the water splashing over the dam? Have you ever followed a peaceful stream through grassy fields, past greening slopes, and down into the woodland hollows where at every turn some wonder recalled forgotten pleasure was displayed? There is something about a small stream that is found in no other of Nature's miracles. It is friendly and companionable. It seems to be an intimate; it laughs and it murmurs; no extraordinary imagination is needed by him who hears it singing. It chatters as it flows on its way to join the brimming river.

The brook in springtime is a thing of infinite variety. How carefully it selects its course, turning and tumbling, narrowing and widening, creeping under the overhanging ledges finding its way out of rocky clefts, and keeping ceaselessly, cheerfully on its way. Out of silent thickets into broad meadows, under patient bridges and down past the yellow willows, where you pause awhile to pipe upon the whistle you have made from a golden branch, as you did in the long ago when all the world was new, the brook flows on and beckons you to follow.

If you are inclined sometimes to wonder whether life is worth the price in toil, and care, and disappointments, and lost illusions, come down along the stream in springtime and let it lure you back to the golden land of dreams where youth abides and brave new hopes are born.

Tell It to Jane.

Study the home life of most men who have money and have made a success in business, and you will find their wives have been thrifty women

Look over the list of men who have shone in society, and the list will reveal that their wives were social climbers, but they slipped on the ladder of success and struck bottom.

More men are made or marred by their wives than by any other human agency. Choosing a wife is the most important step every man has to make in life. Out of silent thickets,